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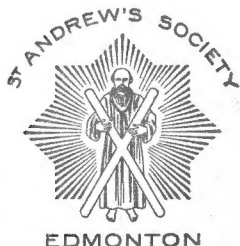
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CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER 44.

An Act to Incorporate The St. Andrew's Society of Edmonton.

(Assented to May 9, 1906.)

WHEREAS The St. Andrew's Society of Edmonton has by its petition represented that a society under the name of "The St. Andrew's Society of Edmonton" was organized at Edmonton on the 18th day of April, 1887, and that the said society has been maintained since the last mentioned date, and that the objects of the said society are to afford pecuniary, medical and other relief to such natives of Scotland and their descendants as may from sickness and other causes have fallen into distress; the encouragement of the national costume and games; the cultivation of a taste for Scottish music, history and poetry, and uniting more closely together Scotchmen and those of Scottish descent;

And whereas the said petitioner has prayed that for the better attainment of the said objects the said society may be incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of Alberta;

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioner;

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Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows.

1. C. W. Cross, J. A. McDougall, A. C. Rutherford, Geo. J. Kinnaird, K. W. McKenzie, A. C. Fraser, R. M. Andrew, W. M. MacKay, M. McCrimmon, T. A. McCrimmon, M. J. McLeod, John McKinley, J. A. C. Cameron, John McPherson, J. J. Johnstone, John Walter, H. C. Taylor, H. W. B. Douglas, Kenneth McLeod, Fred Young, W. L. Wood, Stanley Young, Hugh McKay, William Rea, Geo. B. McLeod, Geo. H. McLeod, J. M. Turnbull, Malcolm Groat, James McAllister, Peter D. Edward, J. S. Smith, J. M. H. Dickson, P. E. Butchart, P. J. Butchart, Alexander Butchart, E. N. Butchart, G. A. Reid, Malcolm McKinley, D. J. Campbell, Donald McDonald, Duncan M. Marshall, W. McKay, A. Cameron, G. N. McKinley, Duncan Gray, A. C. Carmichael, Daniel Tidsbury, James McGeorge, A. R. Chisholm, Robert Todd, George McKinley, D. H. McKinnon, A. B. Campbell, A. B. Watt, Jonathan Henderson, J. A. McKinnon, John Ross, D. L. Scott, John MacKenzie, James Johnstone, R. S. Robertson, James Taylor, C. Keith, together with such other persons as now are or may hereafter become members of the society to be hereby incorporated under the provisions of this Act and the by-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The St. Andrew's Society of Edmonton," hereinafter called "The Society," and may by any legal title acquire, hold and enjoy for the use of the society any property whatever, real or personal, and may alienate, sell and dispose of the same or any part thereof, from time to time and as occasion may require, and other property real or personal, may acquire

instead thereof, provided always that the annual value of the real estate held at any one time for the actual use of the society shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

2. The society shall not hold any property except as aforesaid, and such as shall be derived from the following sources, that is to say, the life, annual and other subscriptions of members, donations, bequests or legacies made to the society and such other moneys or property as may be acquired by and from the ordinary transactions of the society, or may now belong to the existing society, and the moneys arising from fines and forfeitures lawfully imposed by their by-laws, provided always that the society shall sell and convey any real estate acquired by them under the provision of this section, within ten years after they shall have acquired the same, unless the same be required for the actual use of the society under the provisions of the next preceding section.

3. The affairs and business of the society shall be managed by such officers and committees and under such restrictions touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees as by the by-law in that behalf the society may from time to time ordain, and the society may assign to any of such officers such remuneration as they deem requisite.

4. The society may make such by-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the society, and may repeal, amend or re-enact the same from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws, or by the by-laws now in force, may be prescribed to that end, and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary for the purposes of this Act.

5. The present by-laws of the existing society, not being contrary to law, shall be the by-laws of the society hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid.

6. Until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the society, the present officers of the existing society shall be those of the society.

7. All subscriptions and penalties due to the society under any by-law may be recovered by suit in the name of the society, but any member may withdraw therefrom at any time on payment of all amounts due by him to the society, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current, and shall, upon such withdrawal and payment of amounts due, cease to be a member of the society.

8. The society shall make annual reports to the Provincial Secretary, containing a general statement of the affairs of the society, which said reports shall be presented within the first twenty days of every session of the Legislature

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND OBJECT.

This Society shall be called and known as the **ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF EDMONTON**, and shall have for its object the affording of pecuniary, medical, and other relief to such natives of Scotland and their descendants as may from sickness and other causes have fallen into distress; the encouragement of the National Costume and Games; the cultivation of a taste for Scottish Music, History and Poetry; and the uniting more closely together of Scotchmen, and those of Scottish descent.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1.—This Society shall be composed of Scotchmen and their descendants. The members shall be divided into Three Classes, viz.: Active, Life and Honorary.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Section 2.—Any person above the age of 16 years shall be eligible for election, and on being elected, and paying a sum of \$1.00 shall be a member of the Society and so long as he pays the like sum annually, and conforms to the Constitution and By-Laws, he shall continue a member thereof.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Section 3.—Any member who shall pay at any one time to the Society a sum not less than \$20.00 shall be a Life Member of the Society.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Section 4.—Natives of Scotland and their descendants who have done anything towards the advancement of the welfare of the Society may be elected Honorary Members.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Section 1.—The affairs and business of the Society shall be managed by a President, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and five other members, who together shall constitute the General Committee.

ELECTION.

Section 2.—The General Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual Meeting, and shall be installed the evening of St. Andrew's Day. At the Annual Meeting there shall be elected two Auditors.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS.

Section 1.—There shall be twelve meetings of this Society in each year, to be held on the second Thursday of each month. The meeting in November shall be called the Annual Meeting, and the meetings in February, May and August shall be the Quarterly Meetings, and any meeting may, by the members present, be adjourned to any other time, of which adjournment due notice shall be given.

Section 2.—The 30th of November being St. Andrew's Day shall be the Anniversary of this Society, and shall be celebrated in such manner as shall be decided upon at the regular meeting previous by a majority of members present. When St. Andrew's Day shall fall upon a Sabbath, the 1st day of December shall be observed as the anniversary.

ARTICLE V.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Quarterly or Annual Meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at the previous Quarterly Meeting.

ARTICLE I.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Section 1.—Every person desirous of becoming an Active Member or a Life Member of the Society must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting, by a member—such proposal giving the name, residence and occupation of the person proposed.

Section 2 —Persons proposed (as in Sec. 1) shall be elected at the following regular meeting of members, provided the nomination has met with the approval of the General Committee. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary for election.

Section 3.—Every person on being elected shall pay his annual subscription previous to his name being entered on the roll of members.

Section 4.—A member's subscription shall date from the Regular Annual Meeting immediately preceding the date of his election.

Section 5.—Every proposition for Honorary Members must be made by at least three members in writing, and submitted to the General Committee, who shall report on the same to the members of the Society, who shall decide by election.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1.—The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings, sign all orders upon the Treasurer, and call meetings as provided in the by-laws; he shall have the casting vote at all equal divisions, and at the election of the General Committee a deliberative vote in addition, he shall sign all official documents, and have the custody of the corporate seal of the Society.

Section 2.—The Vice-Presidents, in the absence of the President, shall assume his duties, in order of seniority.

Section 3.—All moneys belonging to the Society shall be handed to the Treasurer, who shall immediately deposit the same in one of the banks in Edmonton approved of by the General Committee, on account of and for the use of the Society. He shall not pay any moneys on account of the Society, except by cheque, signed by him and countersigned by the President, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents, he shall countersign all member's certificates, he shall keep an account of such certificates, and of all moneys received and paid out on account of the Society, and shall report to the General Committee monthly; and shall at each quarterly meeting present an abstract of his accounts stating the sums received and expended since the previous quarterly meeting, and specifying cash on hand, and what may become due before next meeting.

Section 4.—The Secretary shall accurately record the proceedings of the Society and the General Committee; conduct all correspondence, sign all certificates of mem-

bership, shall keep an accurate list of all members; shall receive all subscriptions and other moneys and pay them over to the Treasurer taking his receipt for the same; and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to him by the General Committee

Section 5.—(Clause 1)—The General Committee shall have the care and custody of all the property of the Society, and all accounts shall be submitted to them before they are passed for payment.

(Clause 2)—Within one week after installation, the General Committee shall meet and appoint from their number a Finance Committee, a Charitable Committee, and a Committee for conducting Lectures and Musical and Literary Entertainments, with power to add to their number. Of these committees the President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members. The General Committee shall also make arrangements for filling up the time at the regular monthly meetings, not necessarily devoted to business, with readings, essays, debates, etc.

(Clause 3)—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, not officers of the Society, who shall superintend all the financial affairs of the Society, inspect all accounts, and report to regular meetings of the General Committee. They shall audit the Treasurer's accounts quarterly, and the accounts of all officers and committees handling the funds of the Society.

(Clause 4)—The Charitable Committee shall consist of five members, whose duties shall be the dispensing of the Society's bounty, agreeable to the regulations and restrictions prescribed in the Constitution, or by the

laws or resolutions of the Society, and for this purpose they shall meet at least once a month, on the first Monday, and three shall be necessary to form a quorum. None shall be objects of the Society's bounty but such members thereof as may become indigent, and poor natives of Scotland and children and grandchildren of natives of Scotland, unless it shall be otherwise determined at a meeting of the Society. The Committee shall likewise recommend to the attention of the Chaplain and Physician, such persons as they suppose might be benefitted by their assistance.

(Clause 5)—The General Committee shall present at the annual meeting of the Society a report of their proceedings, and of the general affairs of the Society, and among other particulars an account of the receipts and expenditure during the year.

(Clause 6)—The duties of the Auditors shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Society and report to the annual meeting referred to in Clause 5.

(Clause 7)—The General Committee shall keep in view the acquisition of a hall or other premises for the Society, and for this object shall as opportunity permits, invest funds in such manner as they think profitable and safe, in the name of three trustees, receiving proper bonds; such funds not to be withdrawn without a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Society called for that purpose.

(Clause 8)—The General Committee shall have the power to suspend the privileges of members. In all cases members so suspended shall have a right to appeal to the next regular meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ETC

Section 1.—The election of the Officers and General Committee named in Article 3 (Section 1) of the Constitution, shall be by ballot.

Section 2.—When only one member is nominated to an office he shall be declared elected. Should more than one be nominated the election shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the members present.

Section 3.—For the election of each of the Officers for President 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and General Committee the ballot shall be separately taken, and when more than two members have been nominated to one office if no nominee shall upon the first vote have a majority of the members present in his favor the name of the candidate having the fewest number of votes shall be struck out, and the ballot shall be taken again until one of the candidates obtains a majority of votes of the members present.

Section 4.—Should the office of President become vacant and should the Vice-President decline to accept the office, the members shall at the next regular meeting of the Society elect a member to such vacancy, and any of the other offices becoming vacant shall be filled in like manner.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

Section 1.—The President, or in his absence the Vice-Presidents, and in their absence the General Committee, shall have power to call meetings of the Society.

Section 2.—The Secretary shall call special meetings of the General Committee on receiving a written requisition signed by three members of Committee, and special meetings of the Society on a written requisition signed by three members of the Committee, or by six members of the Society. The requisition for all special meetings under this head shall state the business intended to be brought forward at such meetings.

Section 3.—The General Committee shall meet on Tuesday previous to quarterly and annual meetings, at other times on such days as they may appoint.

Section 4.—Notices calling special meetings of the Society or of the General Committee shall be given at least one week previous to the time unless some special emergency arises, when such lengthened notice shall not be necessary.

Section 5.—The quorum necessary for meetings of the Society shall be ten, and all meetings of the general Committee three. If a quorum be not present any number of members shall be sufficient to adjourn, provided such adjournment be not made till fifteen minutes after the time appointed for such meeting.

ARTICLE V.

GATHERINGS, GAMES, ETC.

Section 1.—At the discretion of the Society there shall be an annual gathering for the celebration of games on such day as may be appointed by the Society. The games shall be celebrated according to the rules made by the committee previous to the annual gathering. Some of the games or all of them may be thrown open under certain restrictions to non-members.

Section 2.—The motto of the Society shall be "To Relieve the Distressed," its emblem the St. Andrew's Cross; the two combined constituting the badge of the Society.

Section 3 —At all processions, festivals and gatherings the members shall wear the badge of the Society displayed on the left breast.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—The following shall be the order of business:

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
2. Communications and accounts.
3. Propositions for membership.
4. Balloting for membership.
5. Proposing and balloting for Honorary Members
6. Treasurer's report.
7. Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Reports of Special Committees.
9. Recess for payment of dues, etc.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Election of officers.

12. New business
13. Entertainment.
14. Adjournment.

Rule 2.—All motions may be in writing and shall contain the names of the mover and seconder and must be read by the chair before being discussed. Notices of motion may also be in writing.

Rule 3.—Reports of all committees may be in writing, signed by the chairman thereof.

Rule 4.—No member shall speak on a subject more than once except the introducer of the subject, who shall be entitled to reply, every member, however, shall have the right of explanation, subject to the direction of the chair.

Rule 5.—When a motion has been finally put to a meeting by the chairman all discussion thereon shall be closed.

Rule 6.—The meeting shall appoint scrutineers when a ballot is required.

Rule 7.—Every member while speaking shall address the chair, and the members shall not interrupt the speaker by contravention or otherwise.

